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Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's 18 July 2006 office action, please amend the abovereferenced patent application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel Claims 1-3, 5-7, and 15. in their entireties, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend Claims 4, 8-14 as shown on the following pages. The amended claims are attached.